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All living creatures die to be born again, so the Hindus believe. The Buddha was no exception. Legend has it that several lifetimes as a Bodhisattva went into the making of the Buddha, the Enlightened one.

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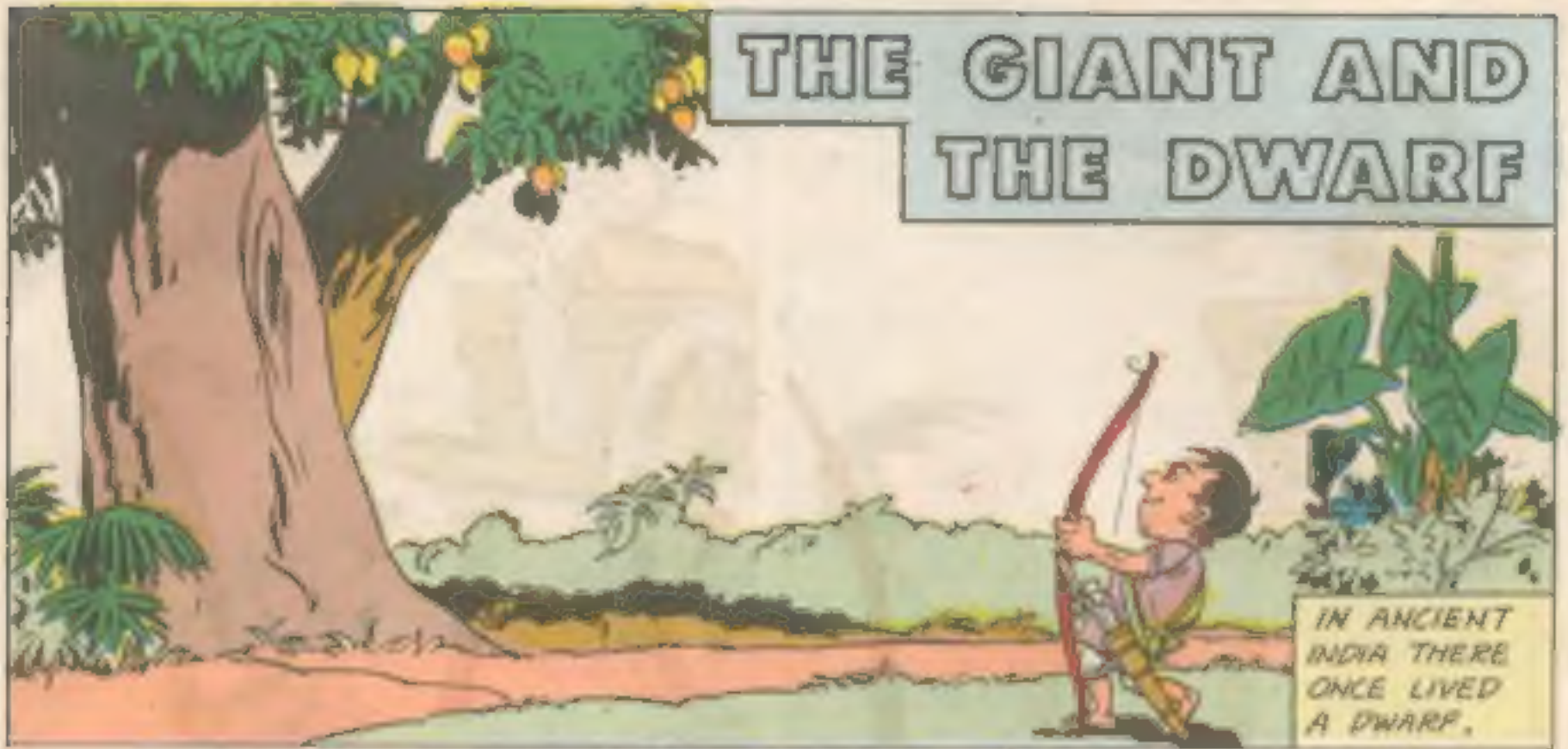
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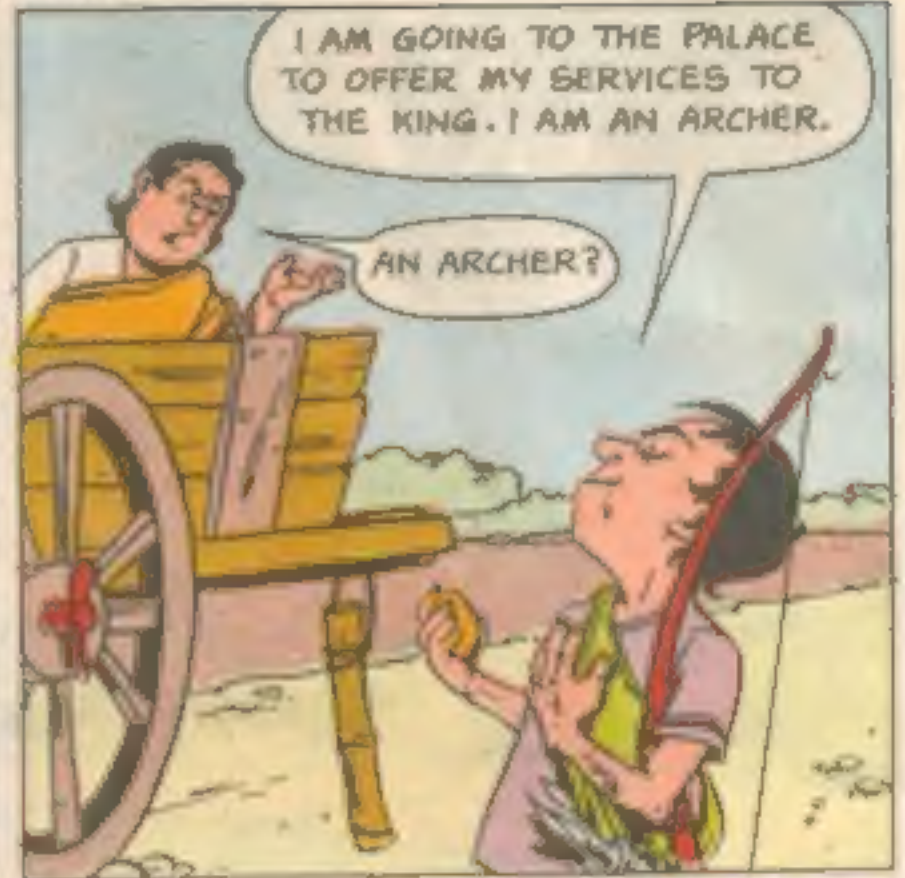
COMICAL THOUGH HE LOOKED, HE WAS EXCEEDINGLY CLEVER. AND HE HAD ONE GREAT TALENT.



HE WAS AN EXCELLENT ARCHER AND PEOPLE CALLED HIM LITTLE BOWMAN.



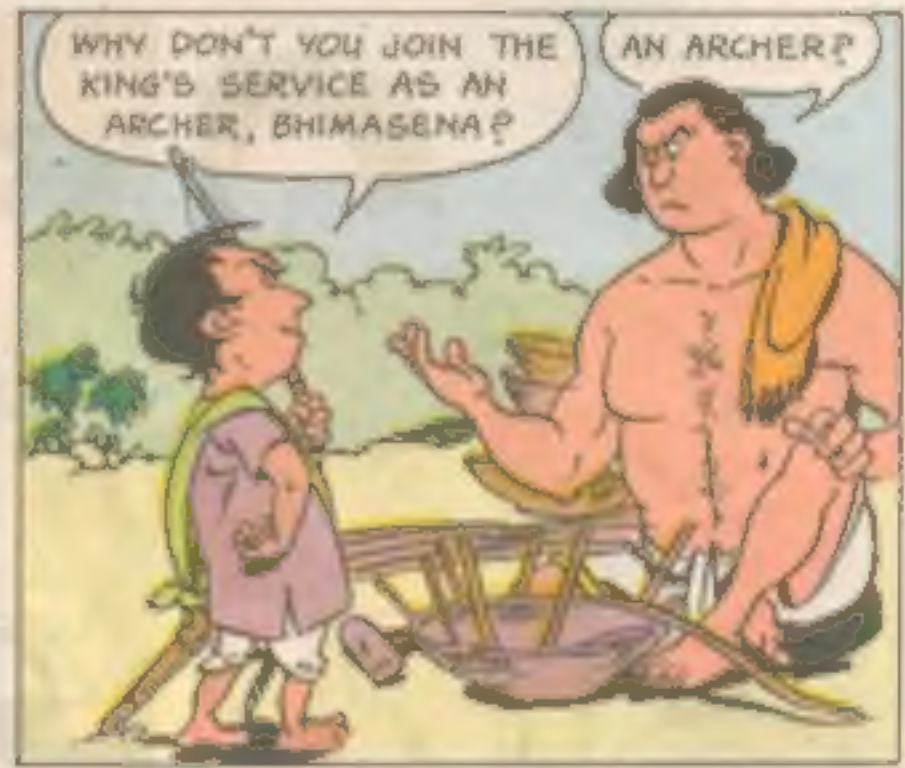
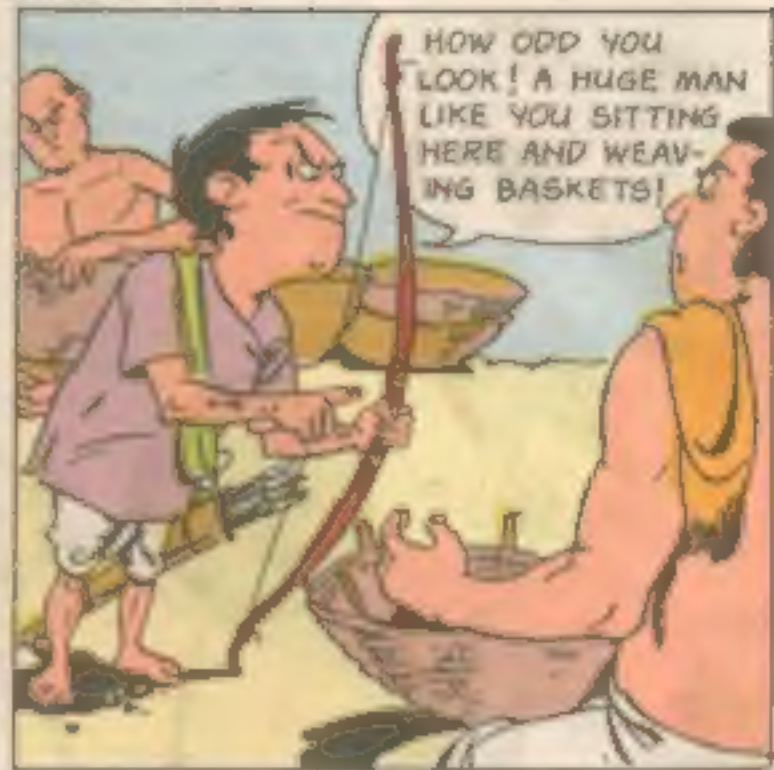














SOME TIME LATER,  
BHIMASENA AND  
LITTLE BOWMAN  
WENT TO THE  
PALACE OF THE  
KING OF VARANASI.

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT  
BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE  
AT THE PALACE?



I... I AM BHIMASENA, A MIGHTY  
WEAV... I MEAN, ARCHER.  
I HAVE COME TO OFFER MY  
SERVICES TO THE KING.



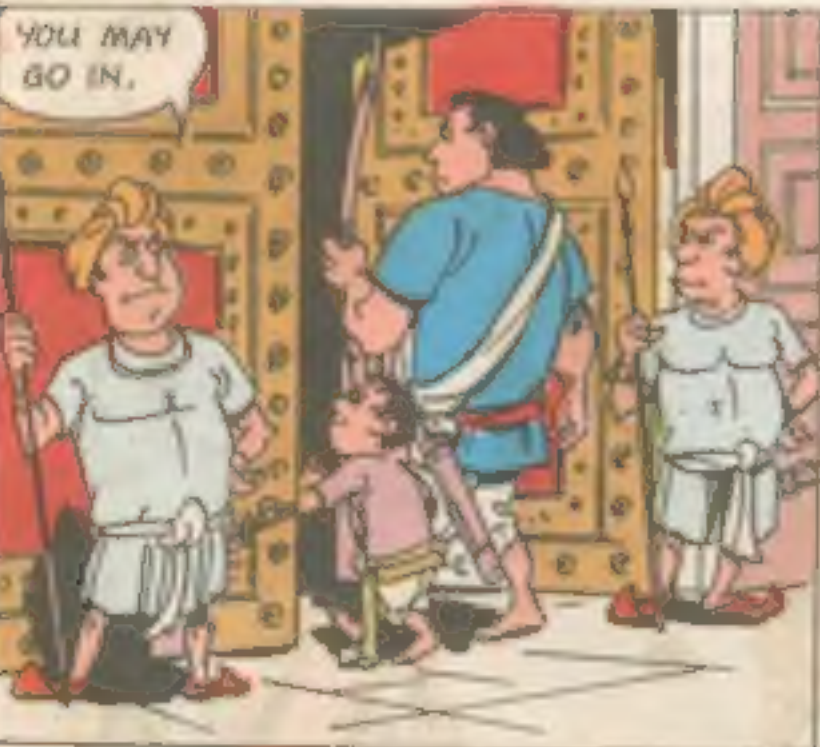
STOP  
TREMBLING!

IS HE  
WITH  
YOU?

YES!  
YES!



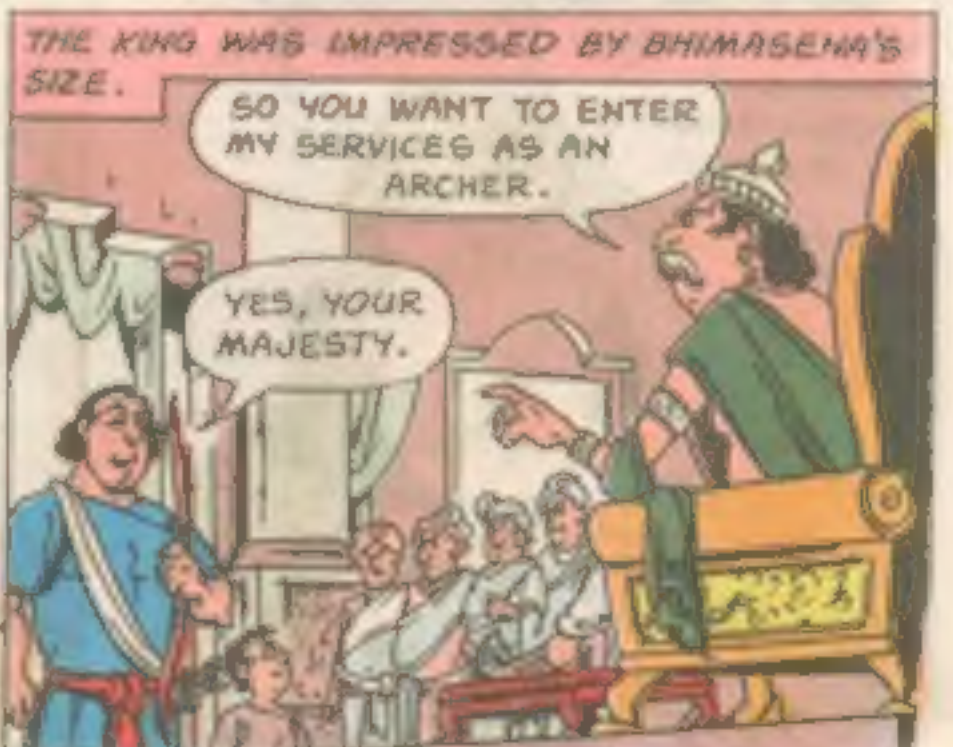
YOU MAY  
GO IN.



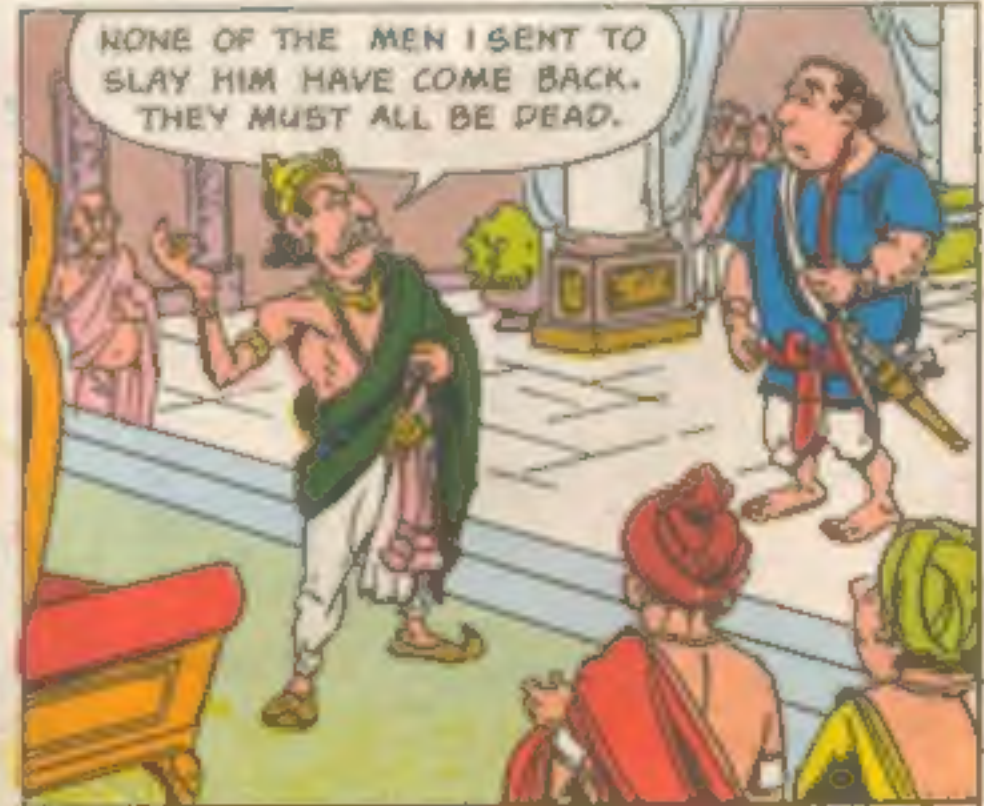
THE KING WAS IMPRESSED BY BHIMASENA'S  
SIZE.

SO YOU WANT TO ENTER  
MY SERVICES AS AN  
ARCHER.

YES, YOUR  
MAJESTY.













WHEN BHIMASENA SET OUT FOR THE VILLAGE WHERE THE TIGER HAD LAST BEEN SEEN.



WHEN HE REACHED THERE



"BEHOLD, MY FRIENDS, THE KING HAS SENT ME TO RID YOU OF THE TIGER."

BUT I NEED MEN TO FLUSH HIM OUT OF HIS LAIR. ONCE HE IS OUT IN THE

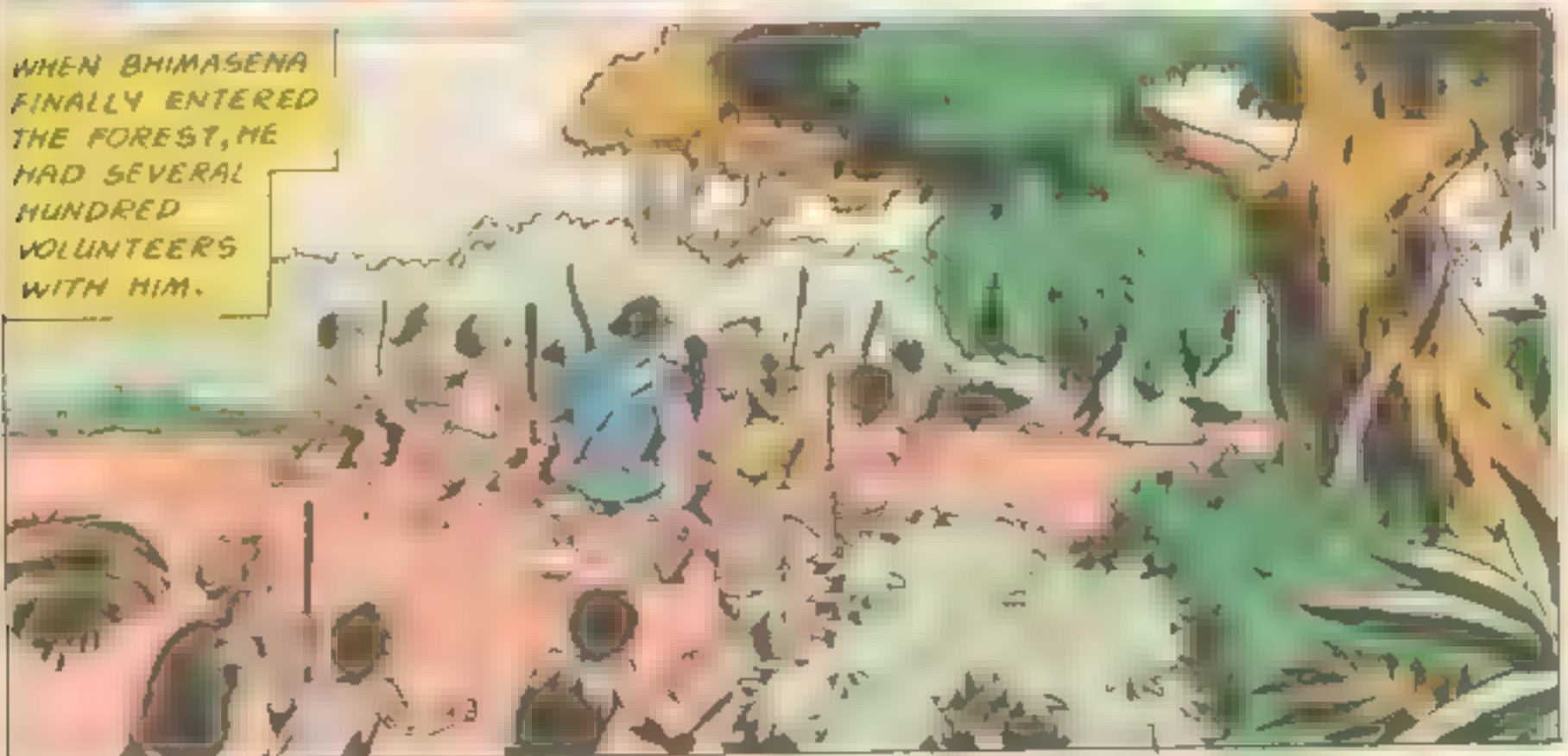


WILDERNESS.

YOU CAN TAKE ALL THE ABLE-BODIED MEN OF THIS VILLAGE WITH YOU, MY LORD. WE WILL SEND WORD TO THE OTHER VILLAGES, TOO.



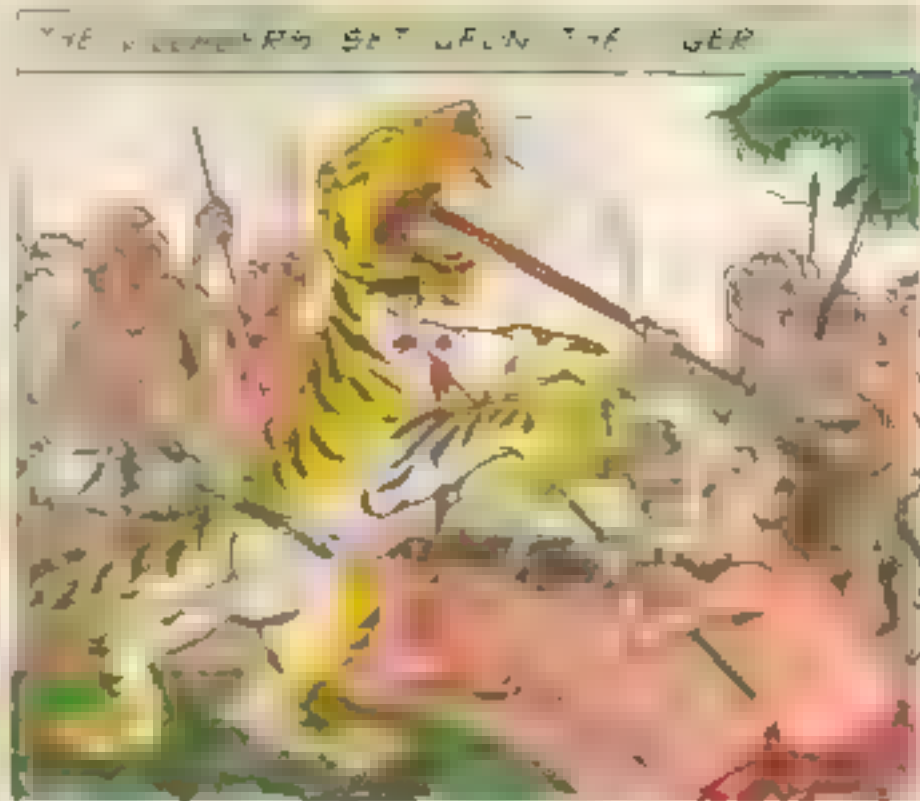
WHEN BHIMASENA FINALLY ENTERED THE FOREST, HE HAD SEVERAL HUNDRED VOLUNTEERS WITH HIM.











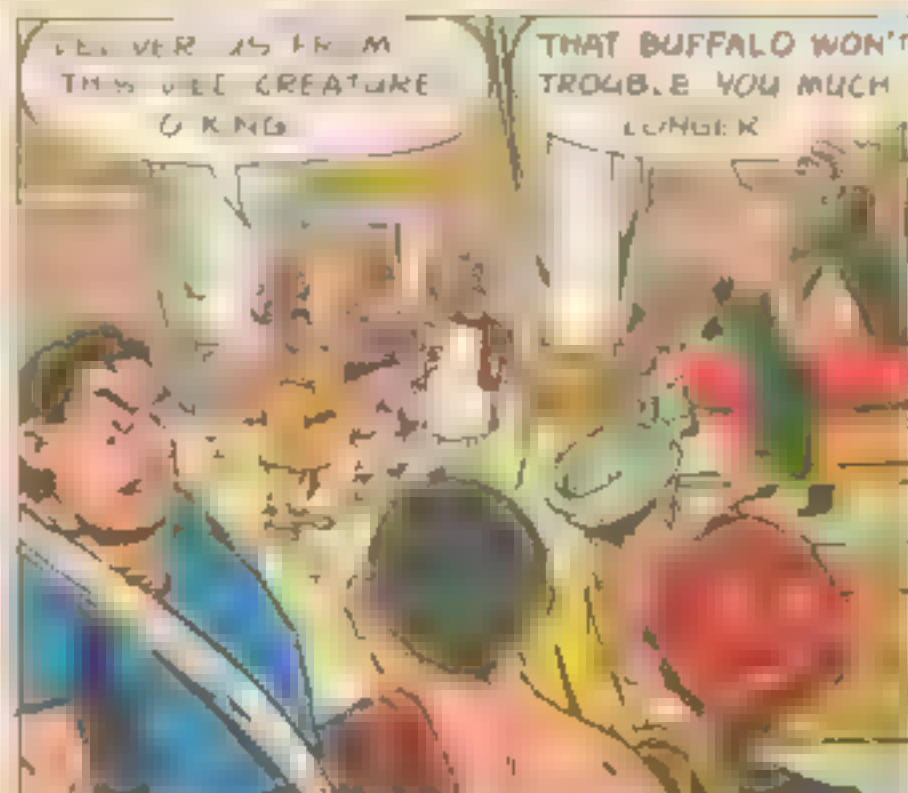
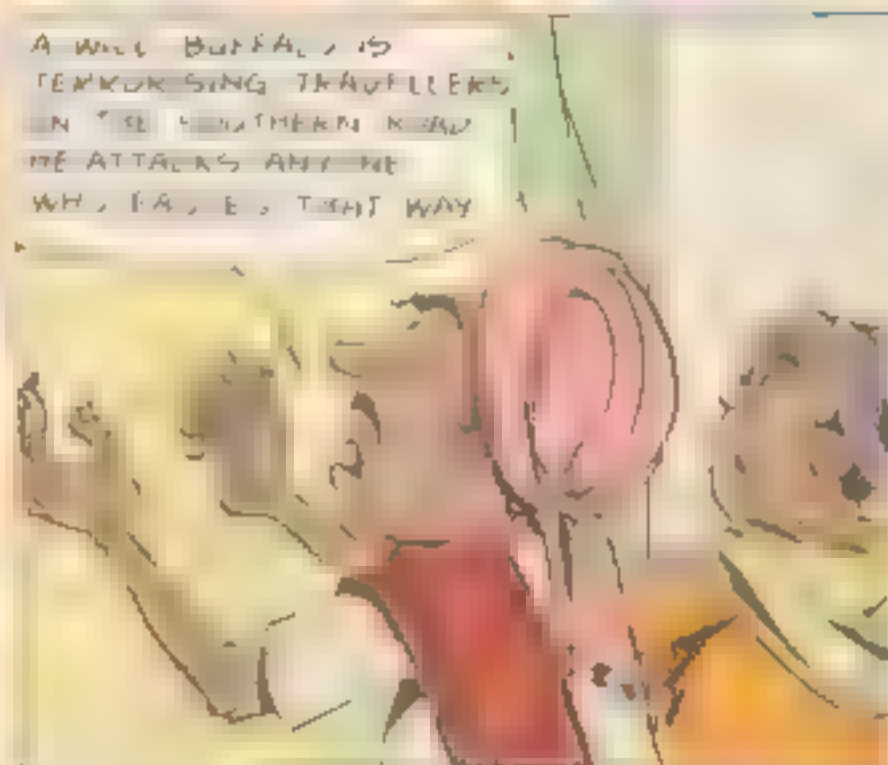




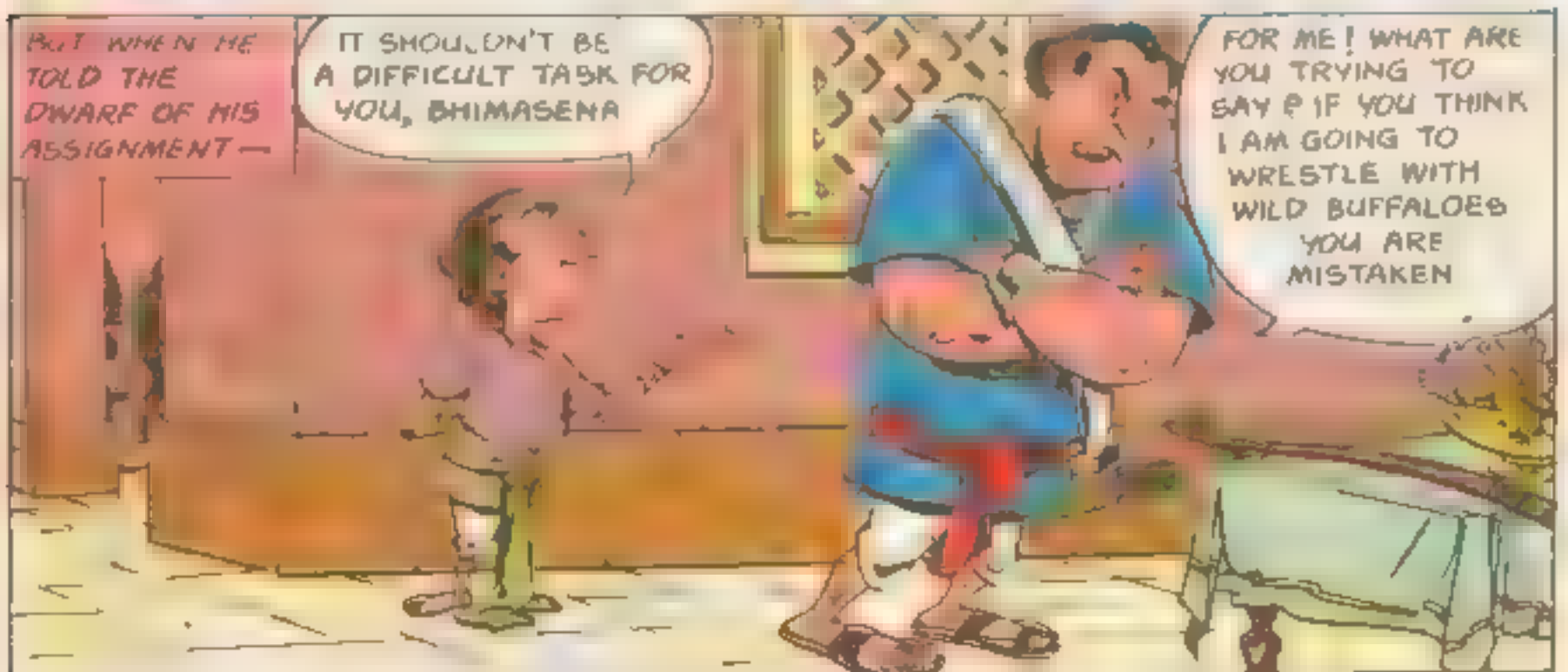
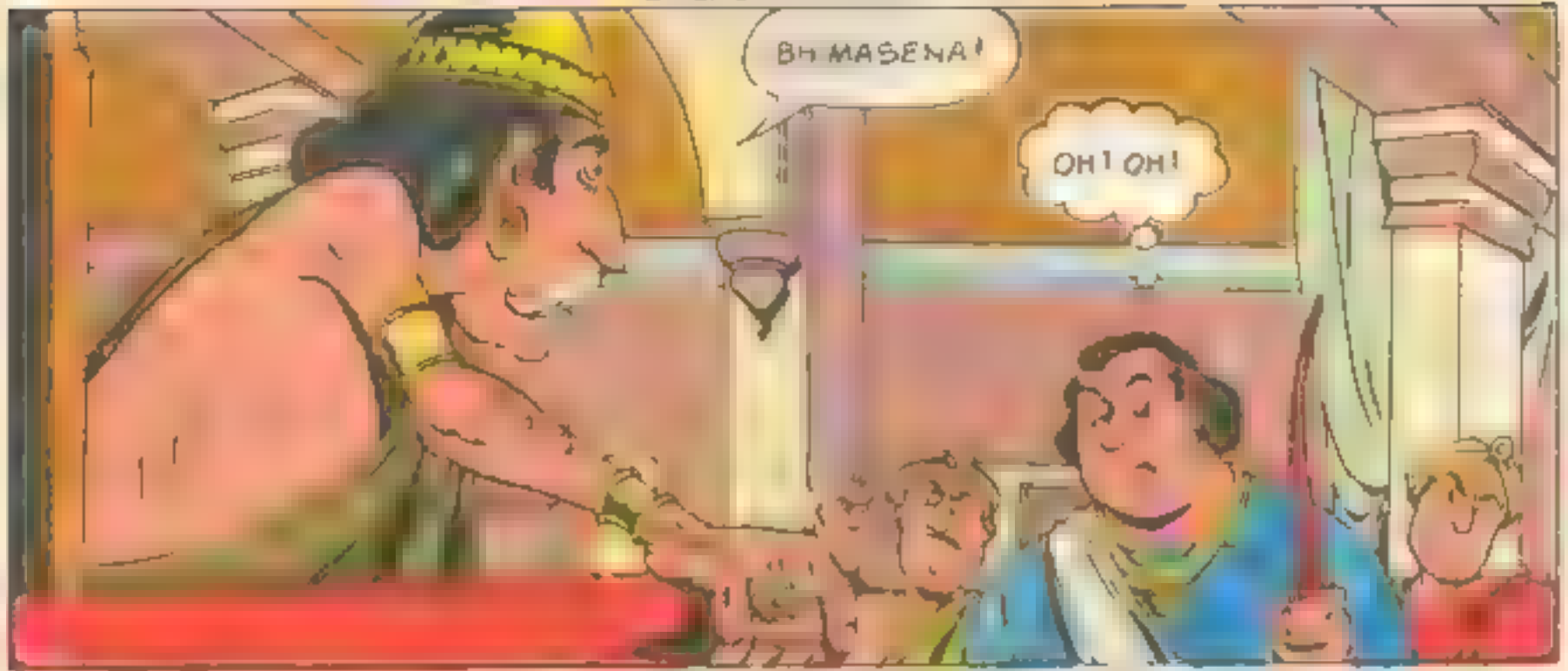




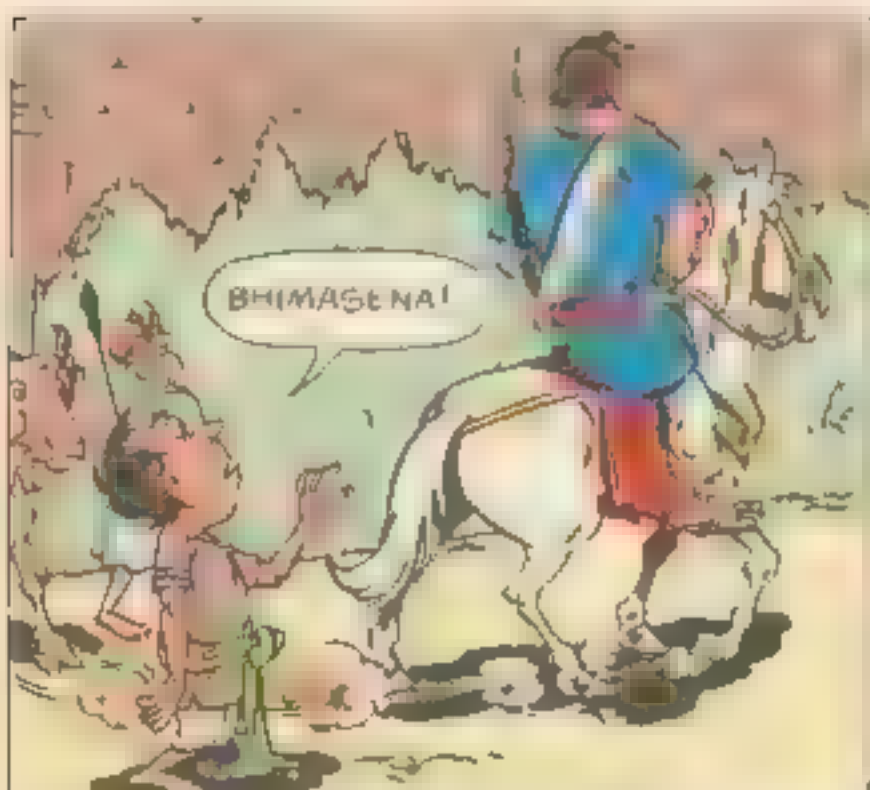
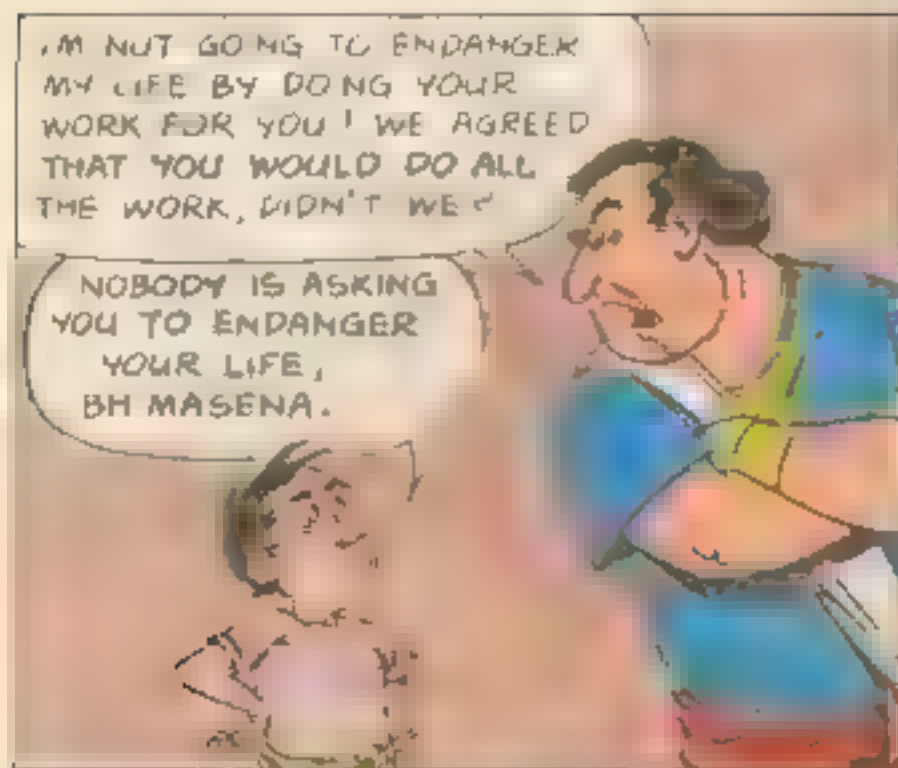




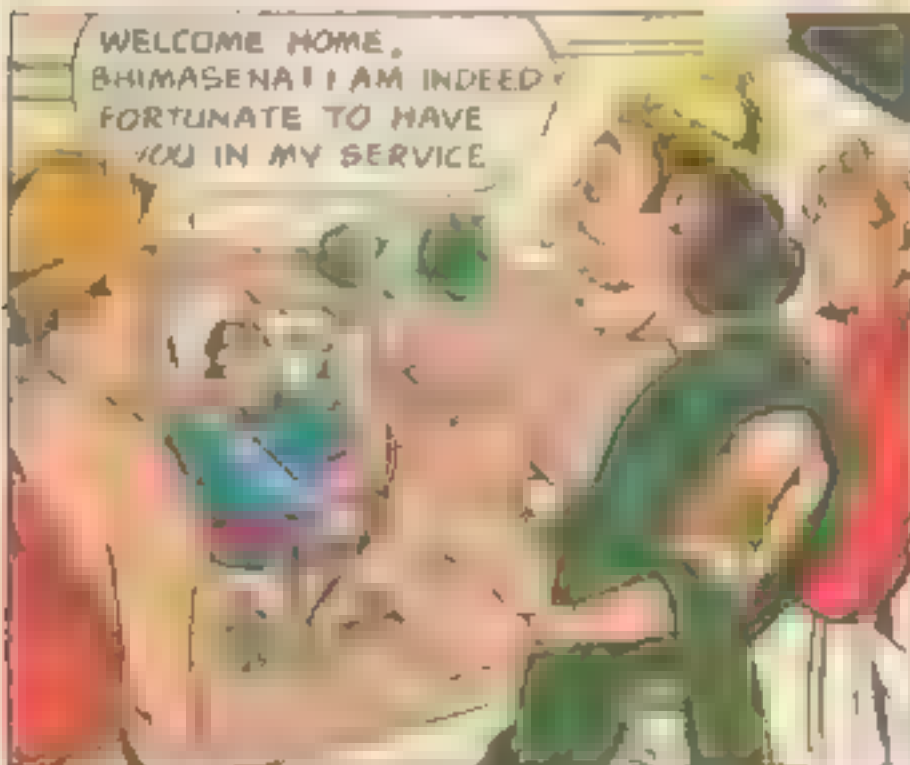








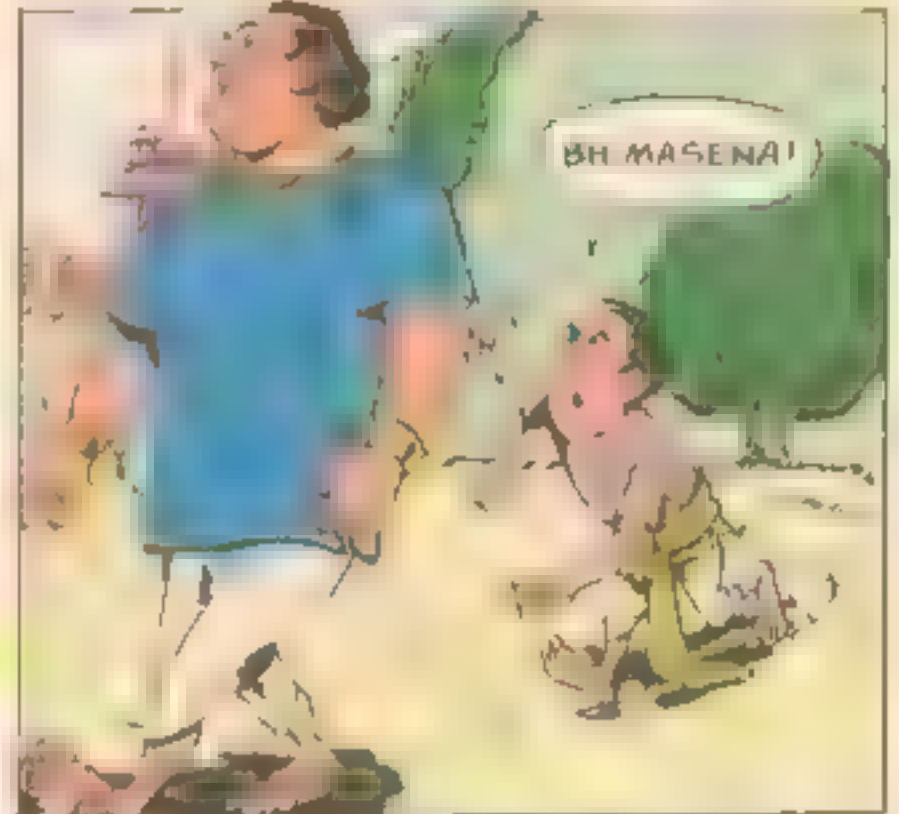
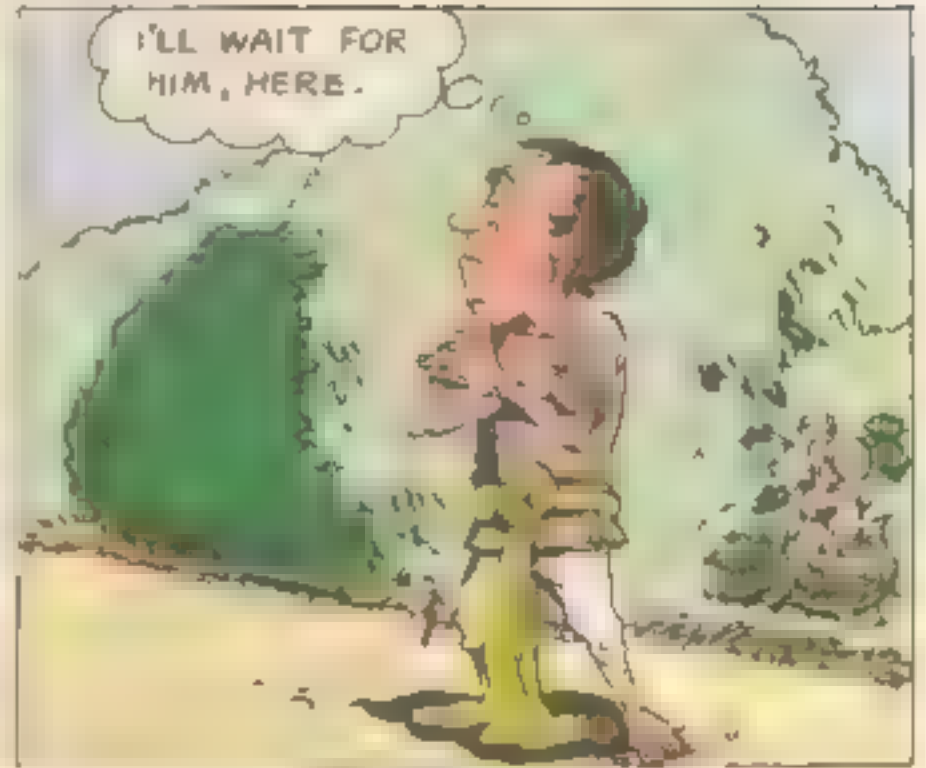




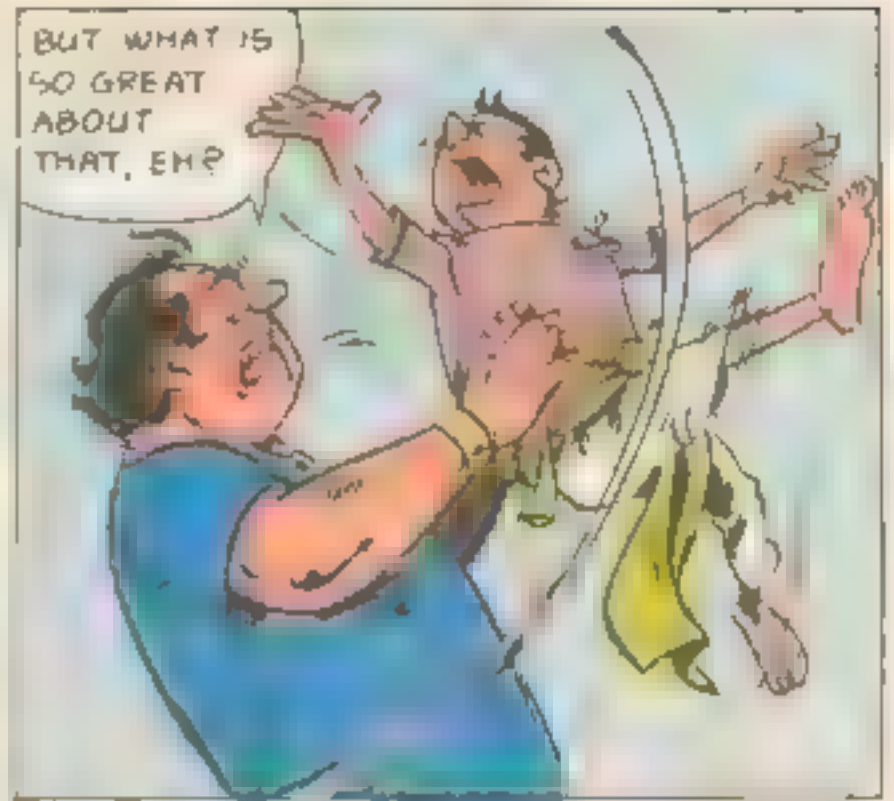














LITTLE BOYMAN, THEREAFTER KEPT OUT OF BHIMASENA'S WAY BUT THE GIANT HARVEY MISSED HIM HE NOW HAD SEVERAL FRIENDS BOTH IN THE COURT



AND OUT OF IT HE SPENT HIS DAYS IN EASE AND COMFORT

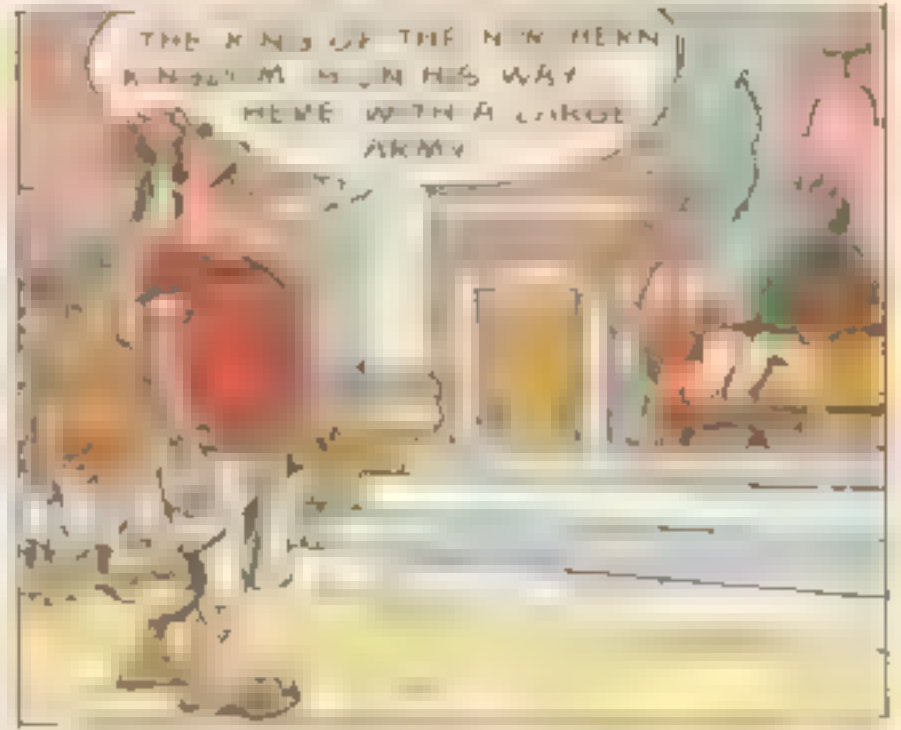


THE NEXT DAY

YOUR MAJESTY,  
WE ARE BEING  
ATTACKED



THE KING OF THE NEW HERN  
KINGDOM IS ON HIS WAY  
HERE WITH A LARGE  
ARMY



YOUR MAJESTY  
A MESSAGE FROM  
THE ENEMY.



SEND OUT YOUR  
CHAMPION TO FIGHT  
WITH OUR OWN OR  
SURRENDER

WE SHALL  
FIGHT! WE SHALL  
UNLEASH THE MIGHTY  
BHIMASENA ON THEM!

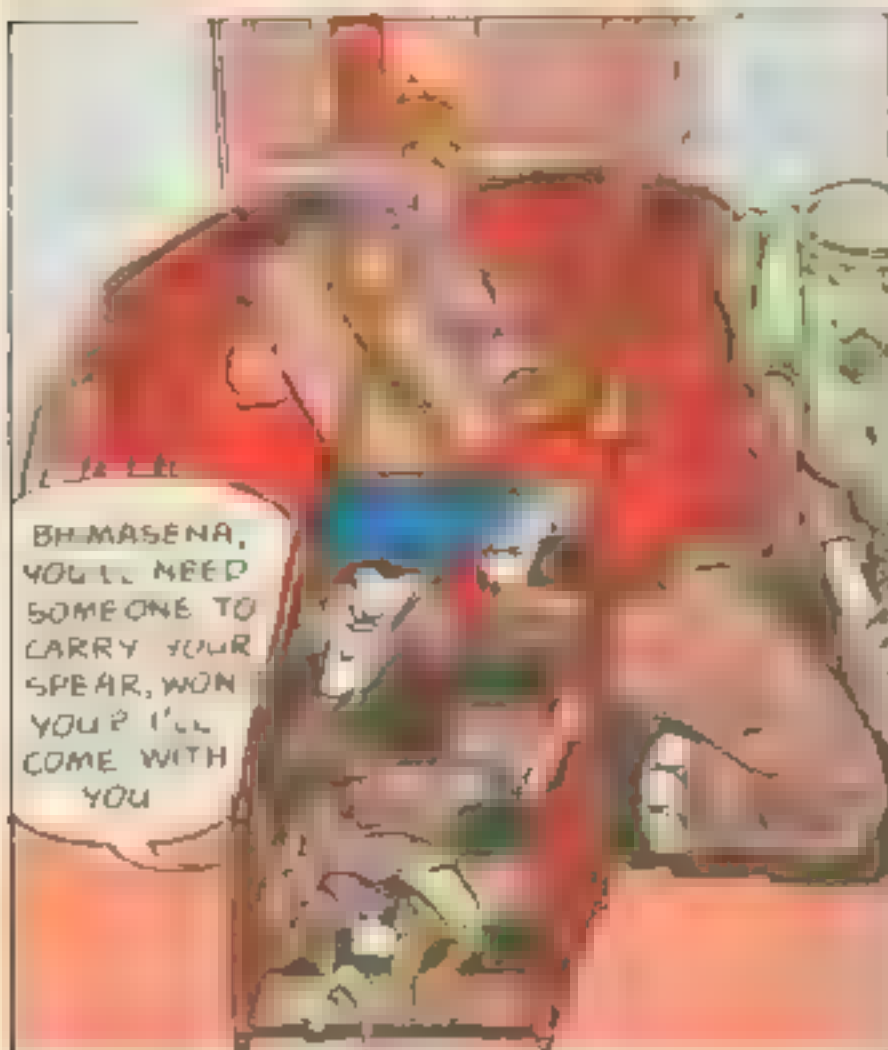
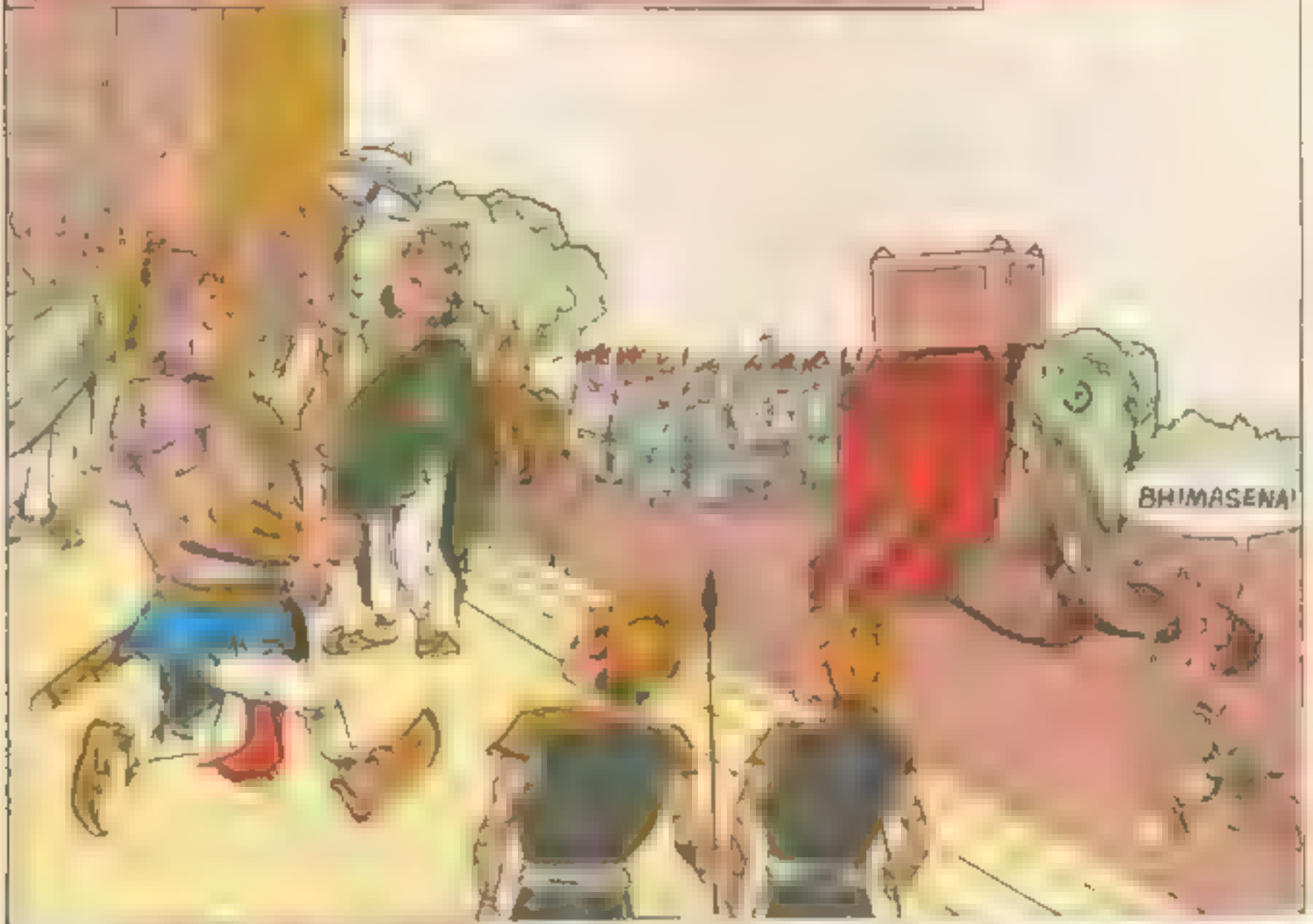








AS BHIMASENA SWAGGERED OUT OF THE PALACE AND WALKED MAJESTICALLY TOWARDS THE WAR ELEPHANT WHICH WAS WAITING FOR HIM —





CROWDS CHEER AS THE GIANT AS HE SET OUT TO MEET THE ENEMY

THERE GOES BHIMASENA THE GREAT!

DO YOU SEE WHAT A GREAT MAN I'VE BECOME?



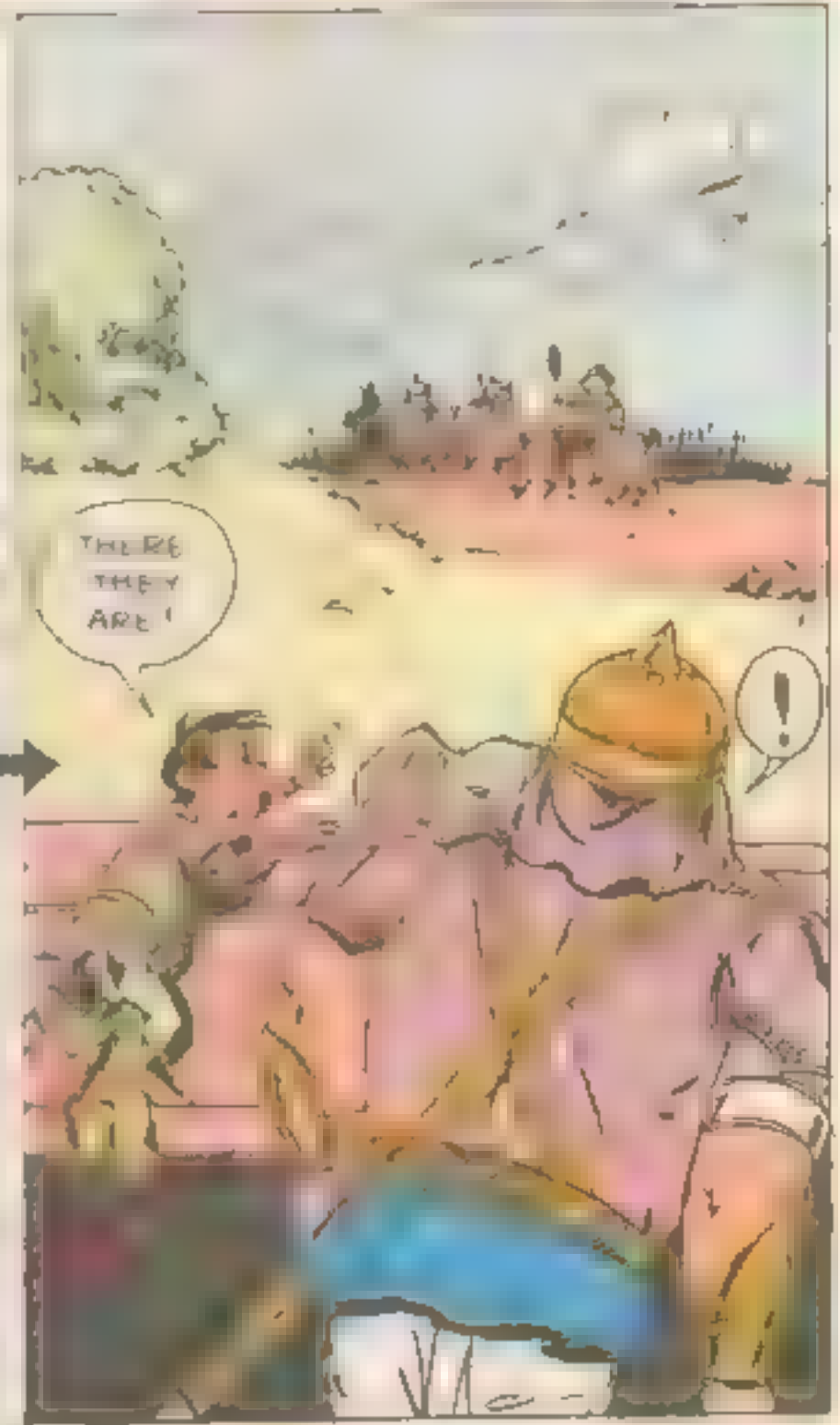
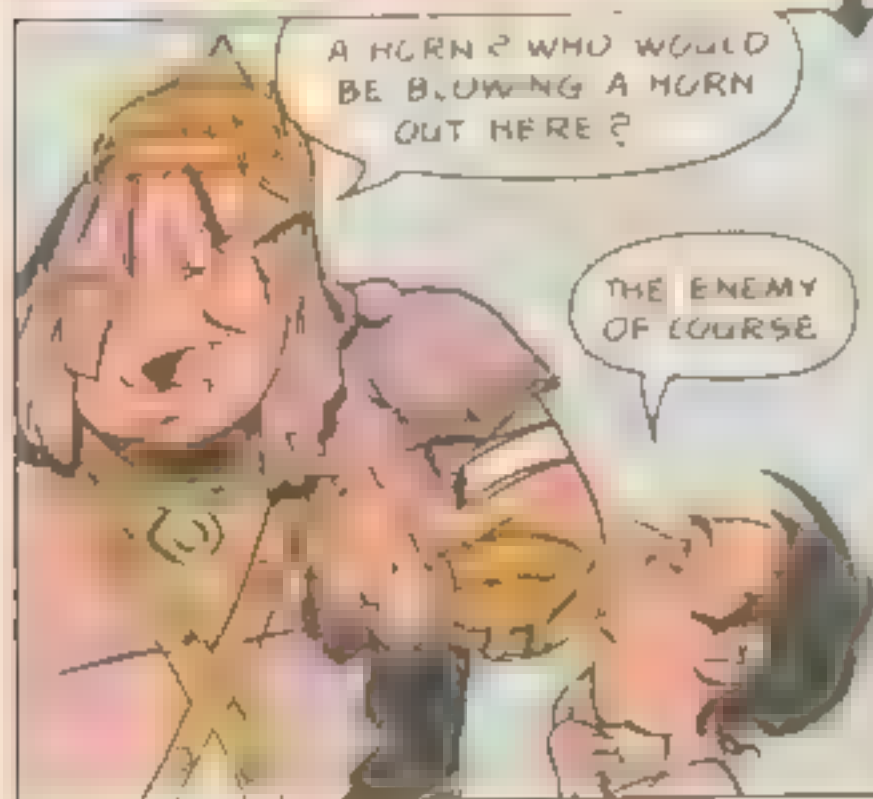
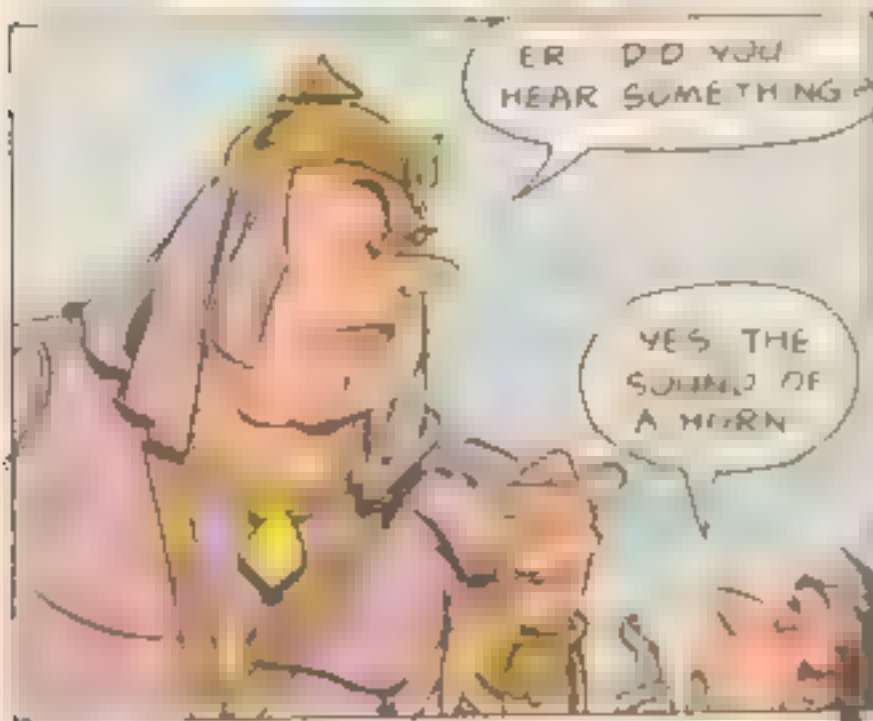
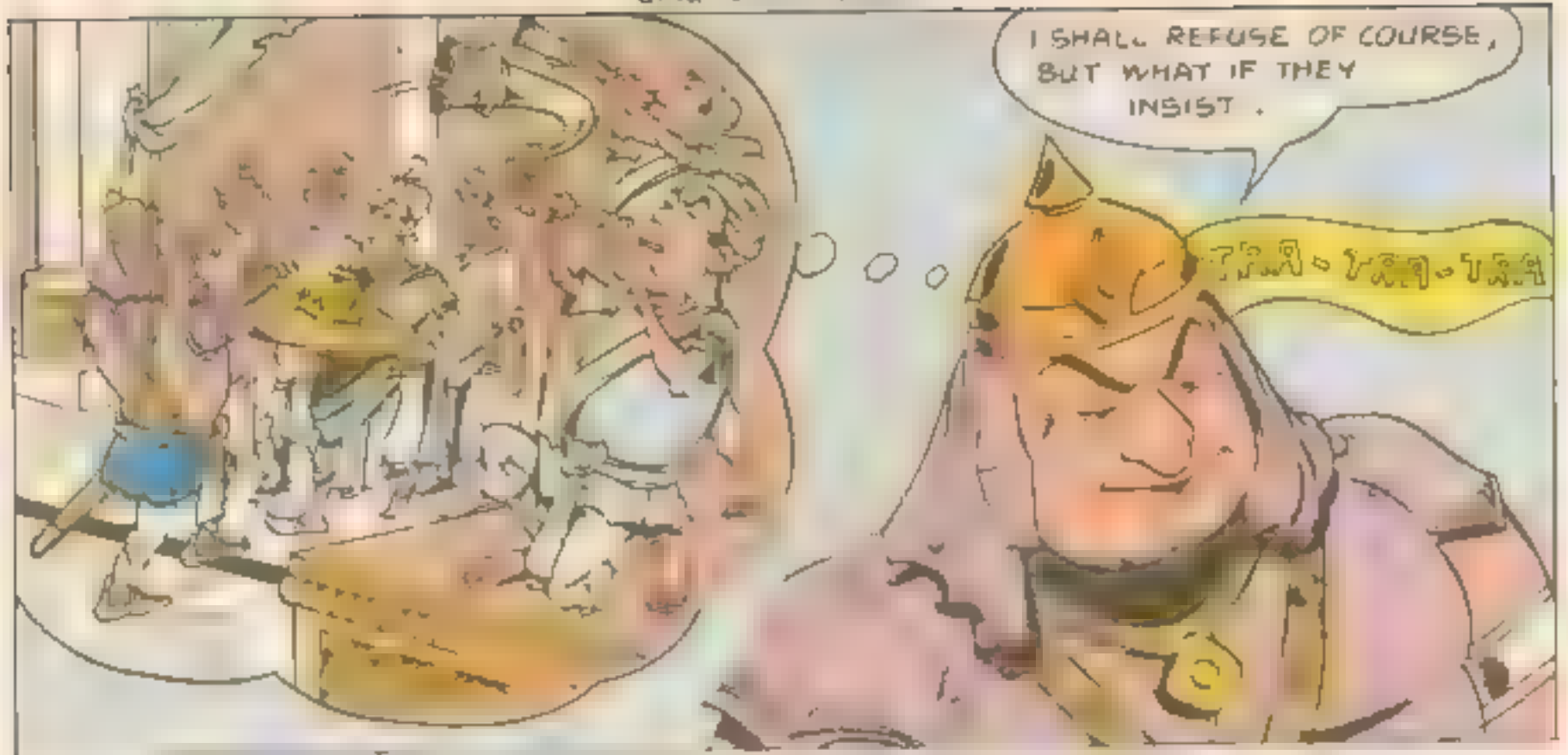
YOU CAN IMAGINE THE HONOURS THEY'LL HEAP ON ME ON MY TRIUMPHANT RETURN!

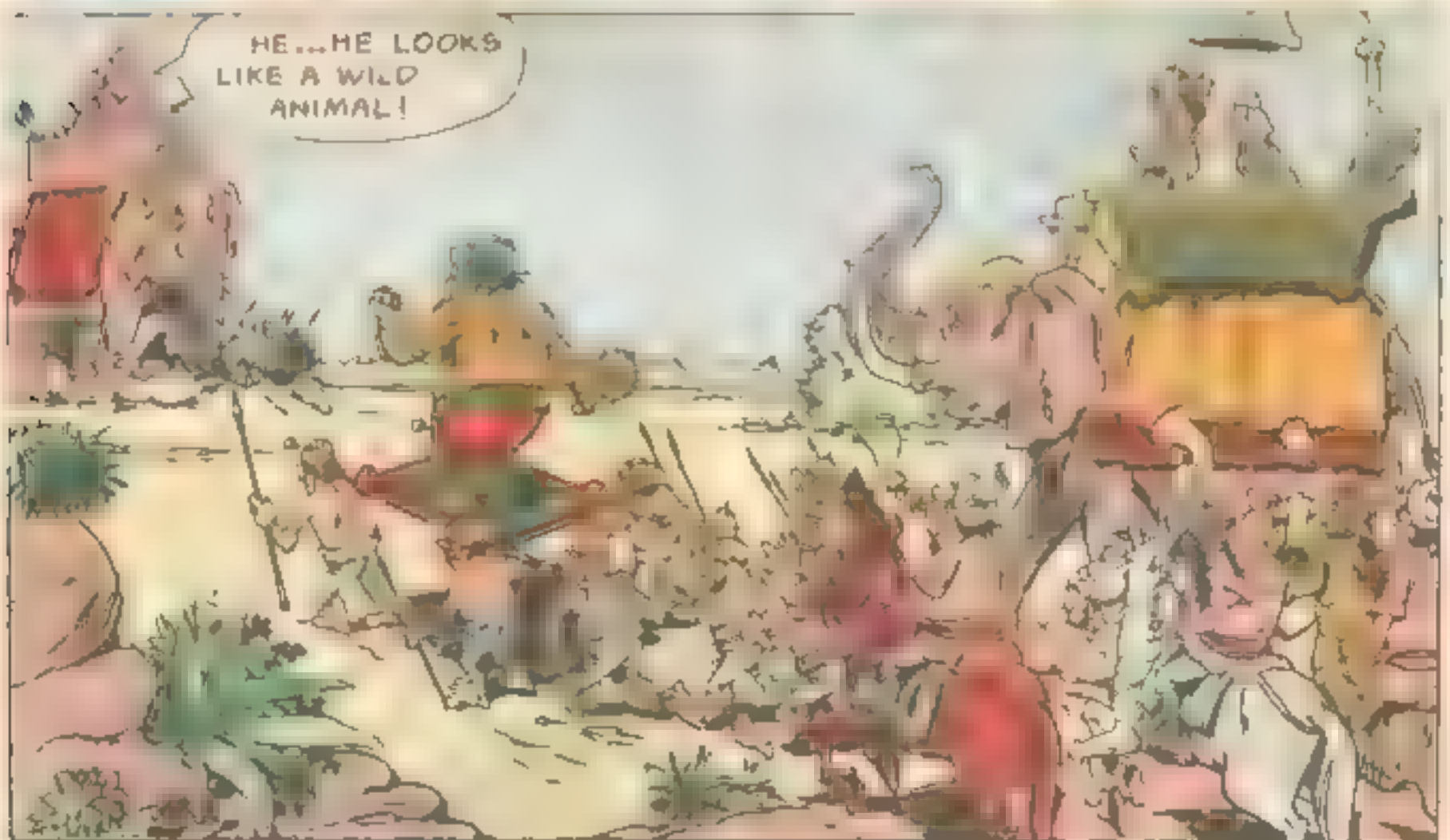


WHY, THEY MIGHT EVEN WANT ME TO BECOME THEIR KING!

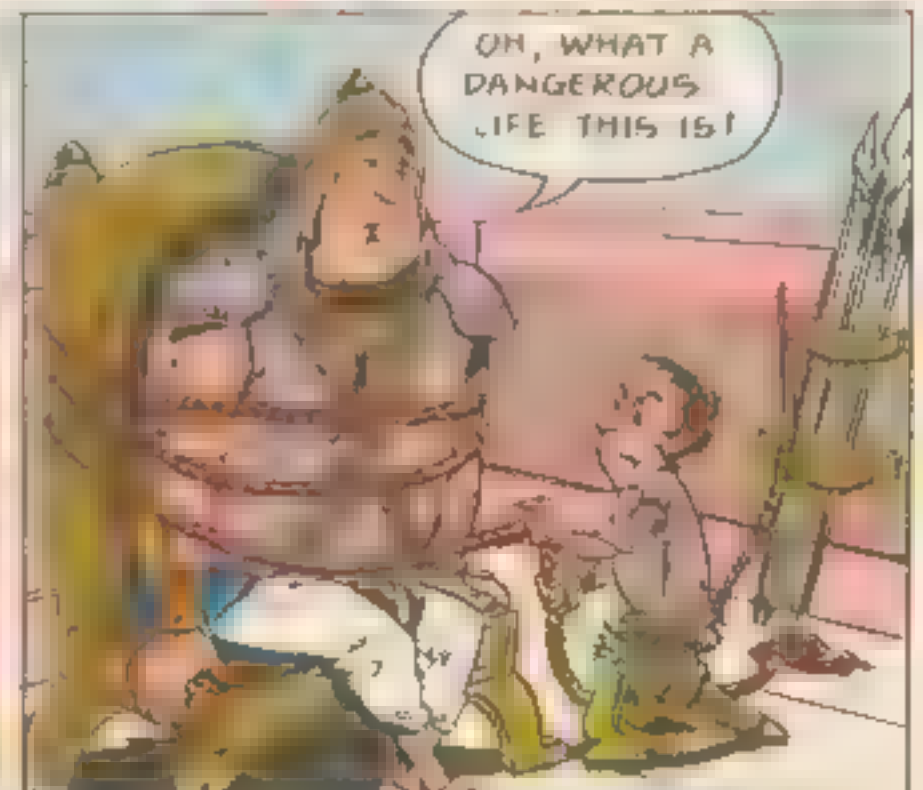
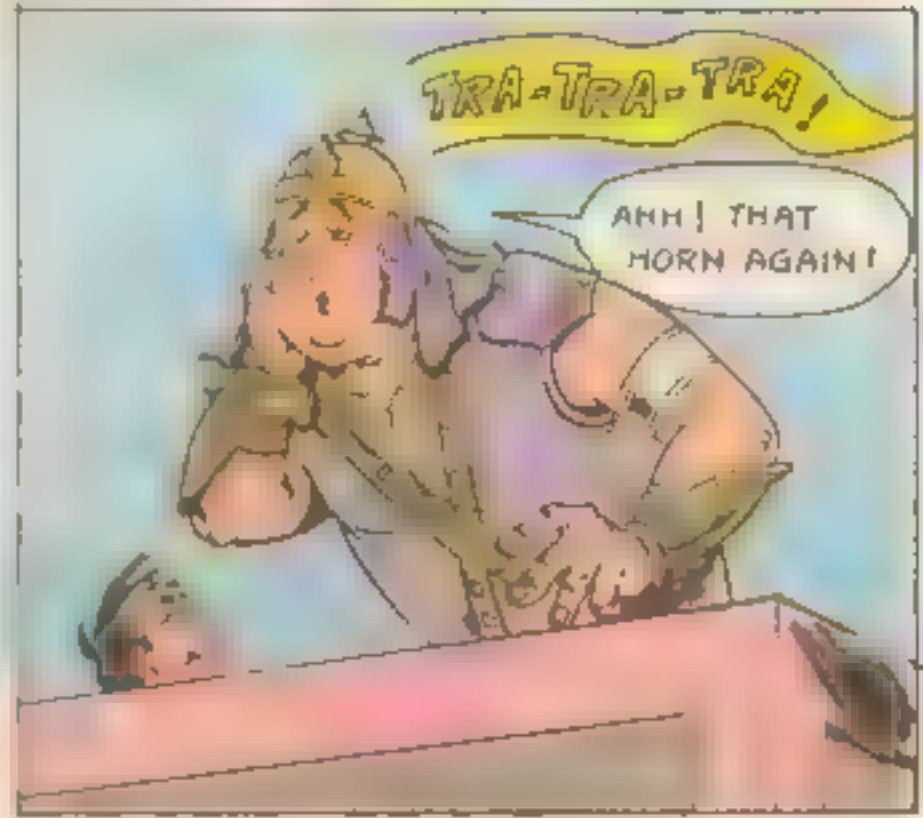
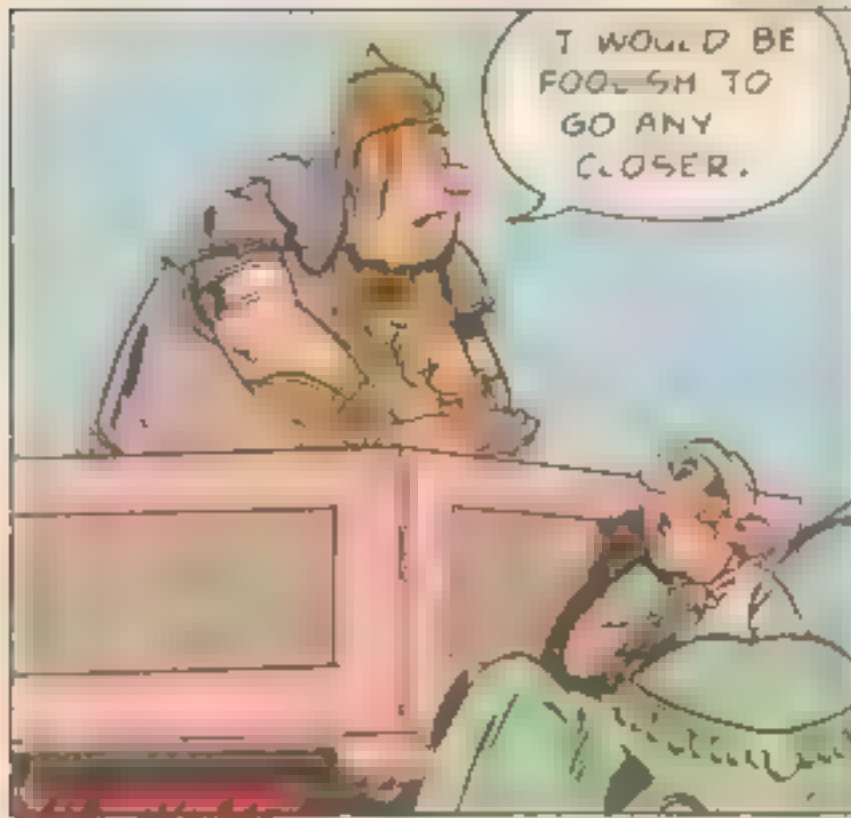




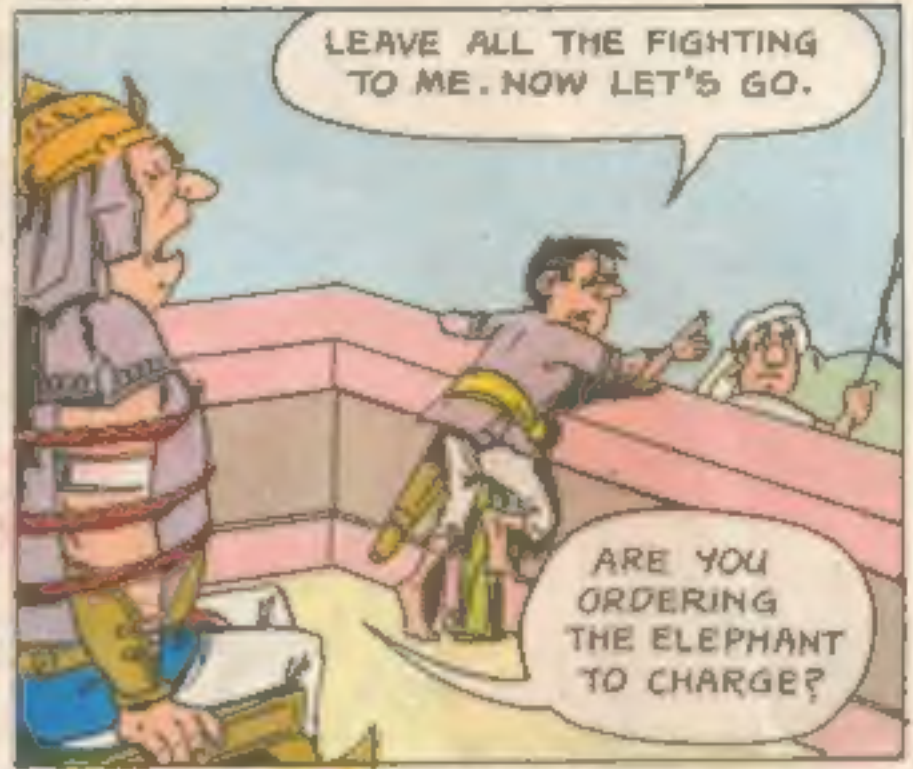
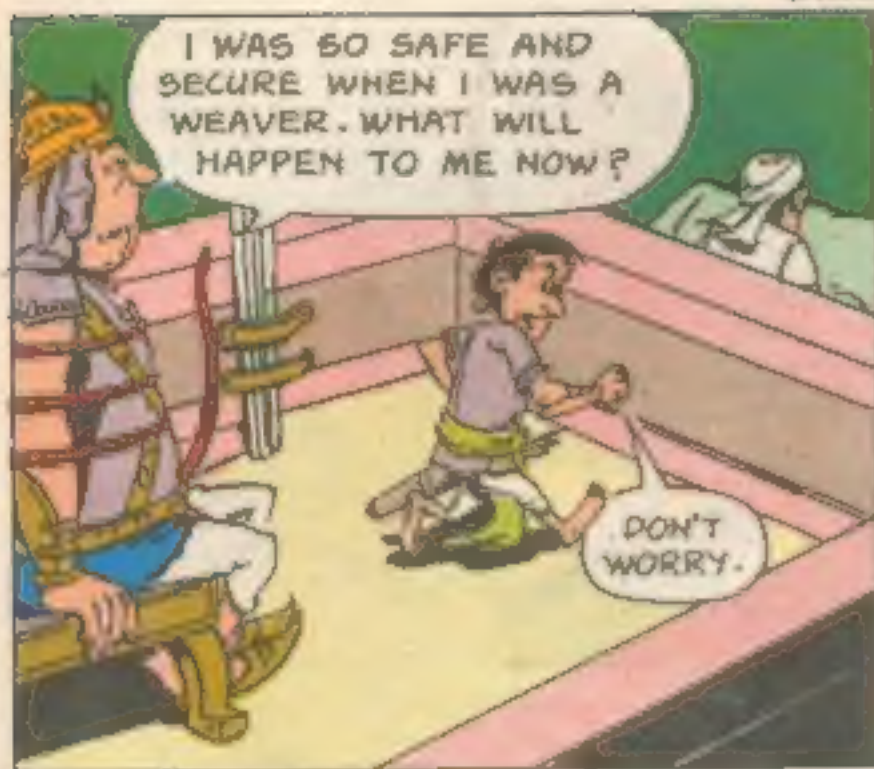




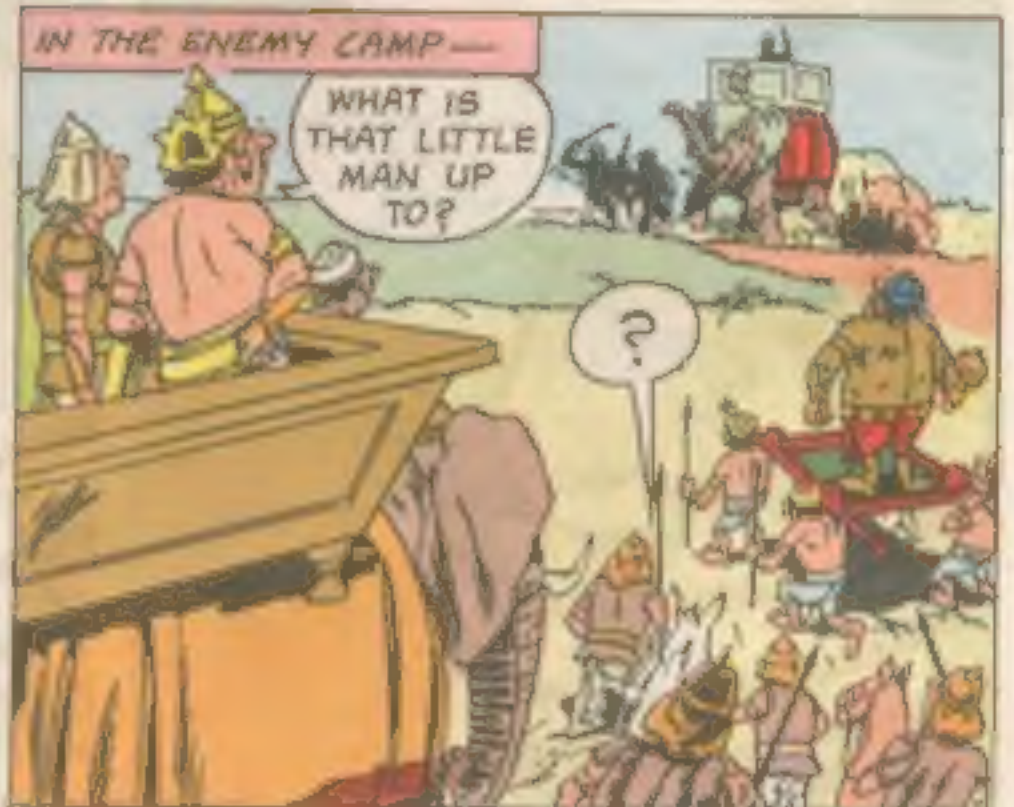




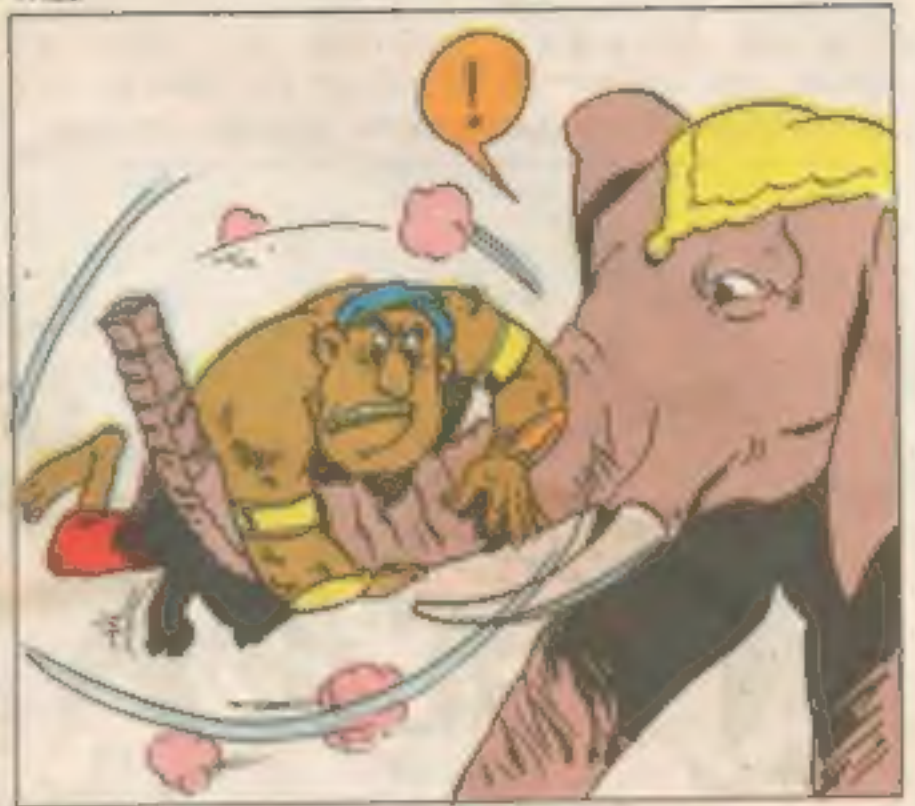
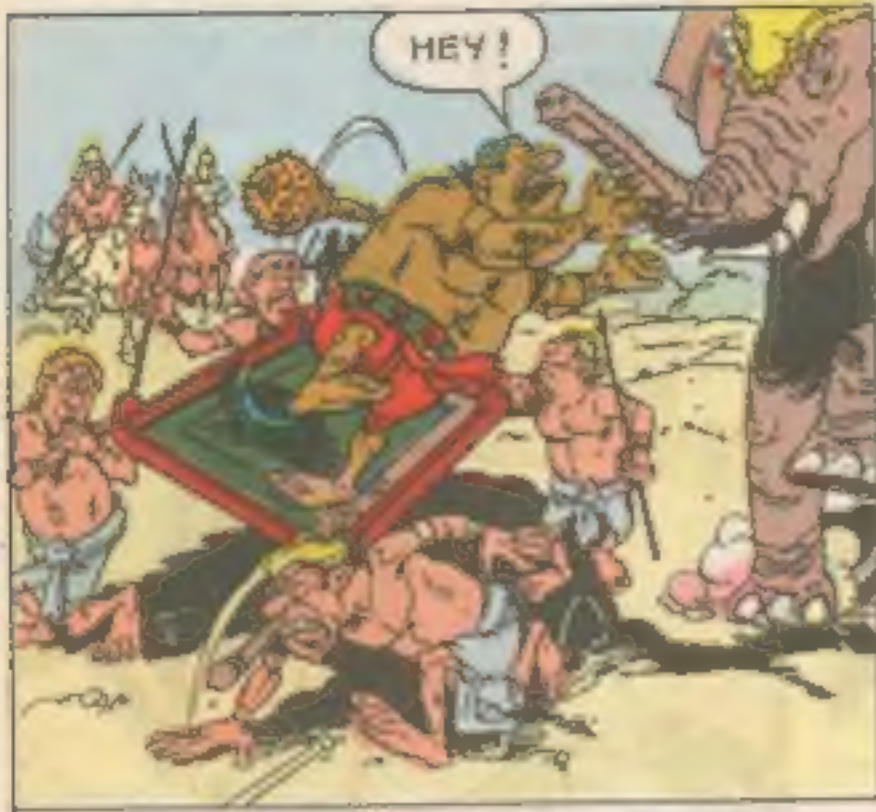














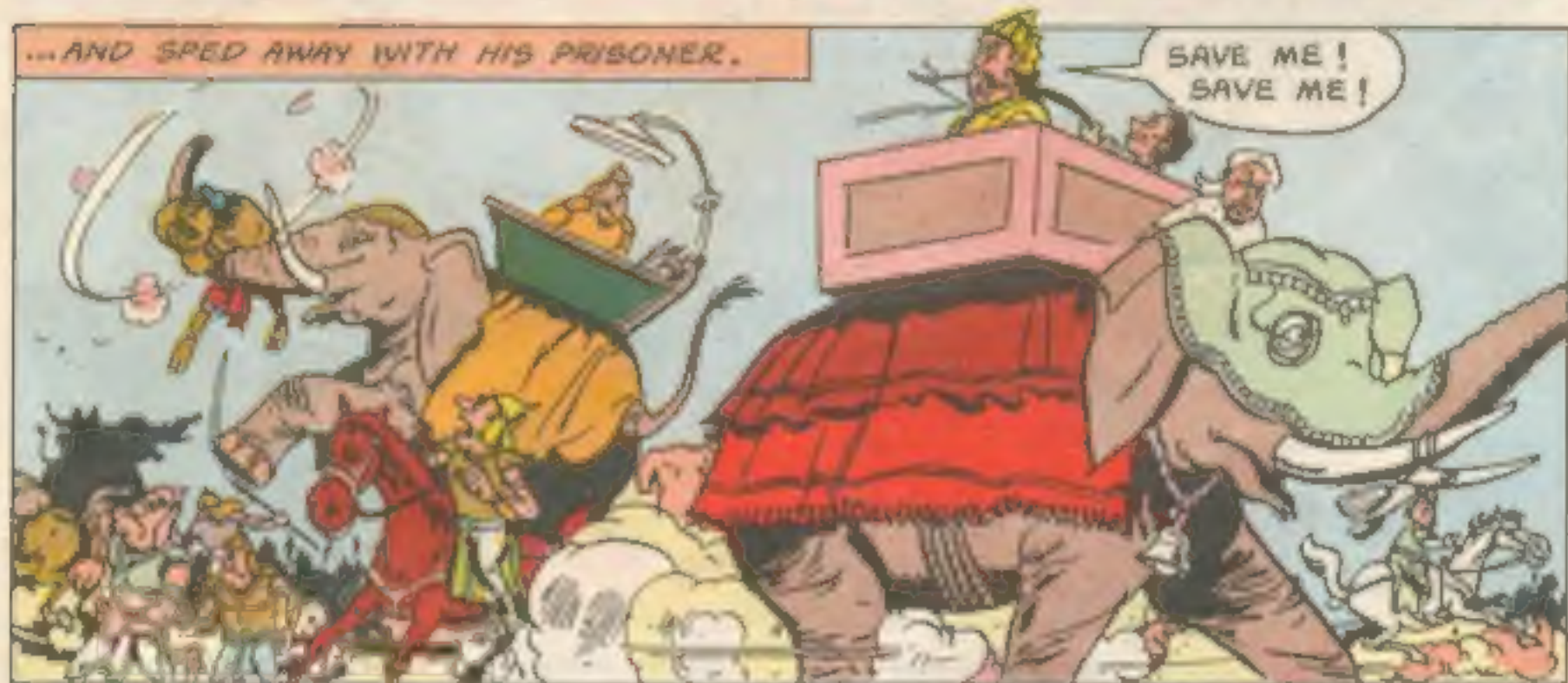
AS THE SOLDIERS AND THE ELEPHANTS RUSHED ABOUT IN A STATE OF PANIC, LITTLE BOWMAN CHARGED INTO THEIR MIDST...



...PULLED THE ENEMY KING OFF HIS ELEPHANT...



...AND SPED AWAY WITH HIS PRISONER.



LATER —



YOU HAVE PERFORMED AN AMAZING FEAT, LITTLE BOWMAN. SINGLE-HANDED YOU HAVE CAPTURED THE ENEMY AND PUT HIS ARMY TO FLIGHT.



FROM NOW ON, YOU SHALL HAVE AN HONOURED POSITION IN MY COURT — BETTER EVEN THAN THAT WHICH WAS HELD BY THAT COWARDLY BHIMASENA.

LITTLE BOWMAN BECAME A GREAT HERO AND HIS FAME SPREAD FAR AND WIDE. AS FOR BHIMASENA, HE WAS NEVER HEARD OF AGAIN.